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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1641**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Covacci et al.**

Serial No.: **09/360,934**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Rejection dated November 7, 2000 for the above-identified patent application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a). The period to respond is extended by petition, and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the final rejection of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, and 48 - 52 to appear as follows.

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